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# The New 24-Hour Visitation Policy



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Many Butler students in past years have attempted to get the midnight curfew changed in the residence halls and college apartments to a longer, more convenient one. Well, this year these diligent students have succeeded in reaching their goal. President

Jackie Vietti has finally decided to give in to the students' requests and basically eliminate the curfew all together; changing it to a 24-hour visitation. Even though this new rule may seem more lenient, security measures have been increased.

Depending upon a student's opinion, the advantages of this rule might outweigh the disadvantages, or vice versa. Some advantages include being able to have guests over at a students' own discretion or not having to worry about kicking a friend out before midnight.

A potential inconvenience could be that a roommate constantly has annoying guests over all hours of the night, causing the other one to miss out on sleep. However, after several interviews, there was virtually no negative feedback, only happy residents with happy guests.

After interviewing several students, the outcome resulted in similar opinions. According to D'Trek Swindell, Topeka freshman, who is currently residing in the West Residence Halls, the 24-hour visitation is quite nice.

Swindell says, "The new rule is better than the old." He likes that he can have guests over whenever he wants.

In order to obtain a variety of viewpoints, Kiersten Karlix, Olathe sophomore, shared her opin-

ion as well. Karlix currently lives in the on-campus apartments, which are complete with four bedrooms, each housing at least two students. Even though there are many students living in each apartment, Karlix has not encountered any problems pertaining to noise or unwanted guests. By adding up all the facts gathered from various students, the evidence declares that most of the residents are satisfied with the chance to be trusted with the new visitation hours.

Furthermore, another person satisfied with the new visitation is Micheal Baumgardner, Residence Hall Manager and Director of First Year Experience. Baumgardner has been in Residence Life and Higher Education for nine years at five different colleges and universities.

"I am happy with the results of the policy change thus far. I believe in the developmental approach that we are taking to empower college students living in the residence halls to make responsible decisions as adults by treating them as such," Baumgardner says.

Also, Baumgardner believes that by changing the policy students are given significant responsibilities, including developing and utilizing communication skills, developing and setting boundaries, making compromises, respecting belief systems of others, and learning how to live with a roommate while stepping out of their own comfort zones.

Still yet, Baumgardner can easily attest to the observation that more social interaction has occurred in the Cummins Halls. Students have been visiting each other more often compared to last Spring, either by chatting in the halls or hanging out in the lounges.





Joel Plank/ Grizzly

Several students, taking advantage of the new curfew policy, lounge around and converse in the lobby of the Cummins Residence Halls after hours.

"I understand the value of students making connections and socializing with their peers," Baumgardner says.

Overall, he sees the new policy as a positive and beneficial one.

In addition, Janece English, Director of Residence Life, believes the overall results of the new visitation rights are hard to gather so early in the school year.

She says, "The true test is to wait and evaluate." After asking English if the new rule makes her job easier or harder compared to previous years, she simply responded by saying, "My job is to educate students, no matter what the policy, and to make sure to do so without chaos."

Also, English has not had any complaints thus far, but reiterates that it has only been three weeks into the school year. She hopes that these results will continue to stay positive throughout the remainder of the year and years to come.

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One simple question has occurred to almost everyone associated with Butler: what made President Vietti finally change her mind? Her answer was simple enough.

"Based upon our research of best practices at other colleges regarding conducive and safe learning environments and the college's strategic goal to enhance the safety and security of our students, we determined this was a called for course of action," she says.

Later, when asked if Vietti had any plans on changing the rule back, she made it a point that the decision would be based on the overall data collected throughout the year and perhaps the next year as well. Her primary concern is the safety and security of the Butler students and providing a positive, engaging learning environment, she says.

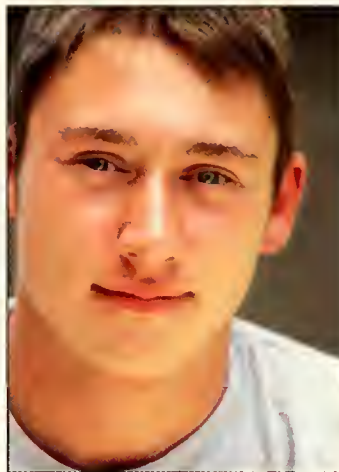
In essence, the 24-hour visitation has been a success so far, according to the students and to the authorities who have allowed this development to become a reality; easily making students across campus more content. However, if problems begin to occur, the old rule is still an option or more stringent rules will be made to the current one.

*"The true  
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# Holiday CRASH



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As it always seems, the excitement of the holiday season can wear off fast as the bills pile up and the removal of Christmas decorations hang over peoples' heads. There are countless ways holiday stress can get to you...if you

let it. But why let a joyful season rob you of your joy?

Stress during the holiday season is pretty normal for many folks, as credit cards quickly become overloaded, lines at the mall grow longer, and the number of cookies to bake and cards to send only gets bigger. People become cranky, nervous, exhausted and in general, just a stressed out mess. There is a lot of hope for these folks who suffer this annual burden, hope that could make the season much less burdensome next year.

*"My Christmas break was pretty boring. I stayed at home, slept and partied. Also I think break was too long. It made coming back to school hard."*



*Kristina Johnson, Hamilton  
Kansas  
Freshman*



*Happy Holidays*



*"Over break I did the usual, ate turkey and enjoyed the time I spent with my family. It was a nice break."*  
*-Kaile Dettmann,  
sophomore*



A few ways to avoid those nagging worries and seasonal jitters may be just what the doctor ordered for one to actually sit down, take a breath and enjoy the holiday season.

First of all, watch your spending. Even if the best sales of the season start up before last year's holiday debt has been paid off, ignore them. The people who you are shopping for probably don't want an expensive gift, as long as it is meaningful and from the heart. It may also be wise to shop for a gift here and a gift there throughout the year. While looking for gifts, make a shopping list, and stick to it. Organized shopping and careful spending will be your friend. Also, be careful to pay off all the bills before spending too much next year.

Secondly, be healthy. During the holidays it becomes easy to snarf down that sugar cookie and drink too much eggnog at a big family get-together you went through the pains to organize. But resist the temptation to overeat while exercising more to relieve stress. It is important to maintain healthy eating and exercising habits as well as healthy relationships. Too much family and friend time can wear on you fast, and one must balance the number of events on the calendar.

On a final note, be simple. Simplify the season by tuning the radio to some Christmas music. Watch "It's A Wonderful Life." Spend those precious moments with your family and bake a batch of cookies. Throw a snowball at a friend. It is crucial to remember that it is those simple things in life that make you smile.

If one sticks to those tips, there is no reason to let a season of joy take away your joy.

## TO DO:

- 1) Take down Christmas tree ☒  
(Put away all decorations)
- 2) Pay off the millions of dollars in debt on the credit card.... JOY! ☐
- 3) Throw away all extra leftovers, they are all bad by now! ☐

\* *note to self:*  
don't forget to send thank you notes,  
send family pictures and throw out left-  
overs....they are starting to smell!

*A tip for you-*  
when stressing over the  
holiday clean up just  
remember to breathe and  
take it one project at a  
time.

## TOP RESOLUTIONS

**1** MAINTAIN HEALTHY WEIGHT: The best way to keep this resolution? Start NOW! Don't weight any longer! (pun intended). Helpful hint - - make a realistic resolution, if you make goals that are impossible you will give up much more easily. Instead of making a goal to lose 20 pounds, make a goal to lose 2 pounds 10 times.

**2** PAY OFF DEBT: To start this resolution off right, sit down and write a list of all your debts. This should include everything, even your monthly bills. Next write down your monthly plan and use a little simple math to determine how to settle your debt.

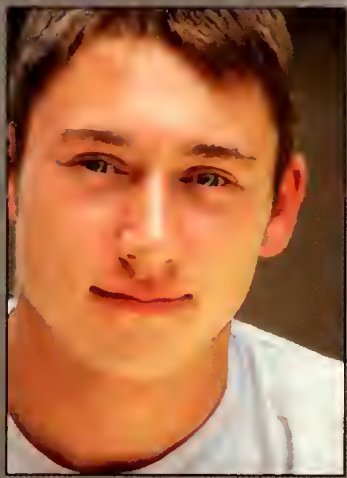
**3** QUIT SMOKING: If you're still sucking down Marlboros, Kools, Newports or Camels and you don't know how sickening those little sticks are by now then you must have been living in the Dark Ages. To quit this addicting habit, it's gonna take a lot of self control and self respect. You are going to have to respect yourself enough to make a healthy decision for yourself.





# DEER

# CROSSING



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"WATCH OUT! DEER!!" This exclamation has probably been screeched by many Butler students who commute to school through rural areas chalk-full of deer. Commuters from Eureka, Leon, Wichita and Whitewater travel through prime deer country and must be extra watchful for deer crossing the road. Some deer/vehicle collisions can't be helped, but many can be by driving with more caution and not panicking if a deer does decide to cross the road ahead.

According to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), 2007 was one of the worst years for deer collisions in the state. There were an estimated 9,417 accidents (approx. 200 more than 2006), resulting in five deaths and 298 injuries. Most deer collisions occur during the deers' breeding season in November. Nov.17 holds the highest number of deer accidents in Kansas, due to the peak rutting activity, when bucks chase does carelessly for miles. The November breeding season is not the only peak activity period that driv-

ers need to look out for. Early spring is another dangerous time to be on the road in deer country.

Butler students and drivers in general really need to watch out in March and April, when new vegetation starts to reveal itself. Does are a month or two away from birthing their fawns, and they begin to gravitate to more nutritious food sources where fresh browse is abundant. This means does will really be on the move, triggering a spike in deer collisions. Also during this time of the year, ranchers are burning pastures, which not only scares animals into the road, but also can make it difficult to see due to heavy smoke. Just because the breeding season is past doesn't mean drivers are invincible to deer. Even in stages where deer activity is low, it pays to be watchful for a random deer to cross the road. Another heavy period of deer activity is on its way, so be extra careful on your commute to school.

#### WAYS TO AVOID A DEER COLLISION

- 1.Wear your seatbelt.
- 2.Watch for "Deer Crossing" signs.
- 3.Drive with particular care through wooded river valleys, creek bottoms, and brushy ravines, where deer tend to travel.
- 4.Be extremely careful at dawn, dusk and night time, when deer travel the most.
- 5.Use your highbeams (or brights) when there is no oncoming traffic. Highbeams can reflect off of deers' eyes better, making them easier to see.
- 6.If one deer runs out, slow down and be cautious. Deer are herd animals and there are likely to be more.
- 7.If a deer pops out, the natural tendency is to try to dodge the deer. DON'T! Swerving causes more serious accidents than just hitting the deer. Slow down and don't panic.
- 8.If there is no escaping hitting the deer, slow down as much as possible, being mindful of the vehicle behind you. Stay calm and get help if needed.



**"The other day I was driving back into campus and I saw like 12 deer right by the day care crossing the campus." -Katie Bock, freshman**



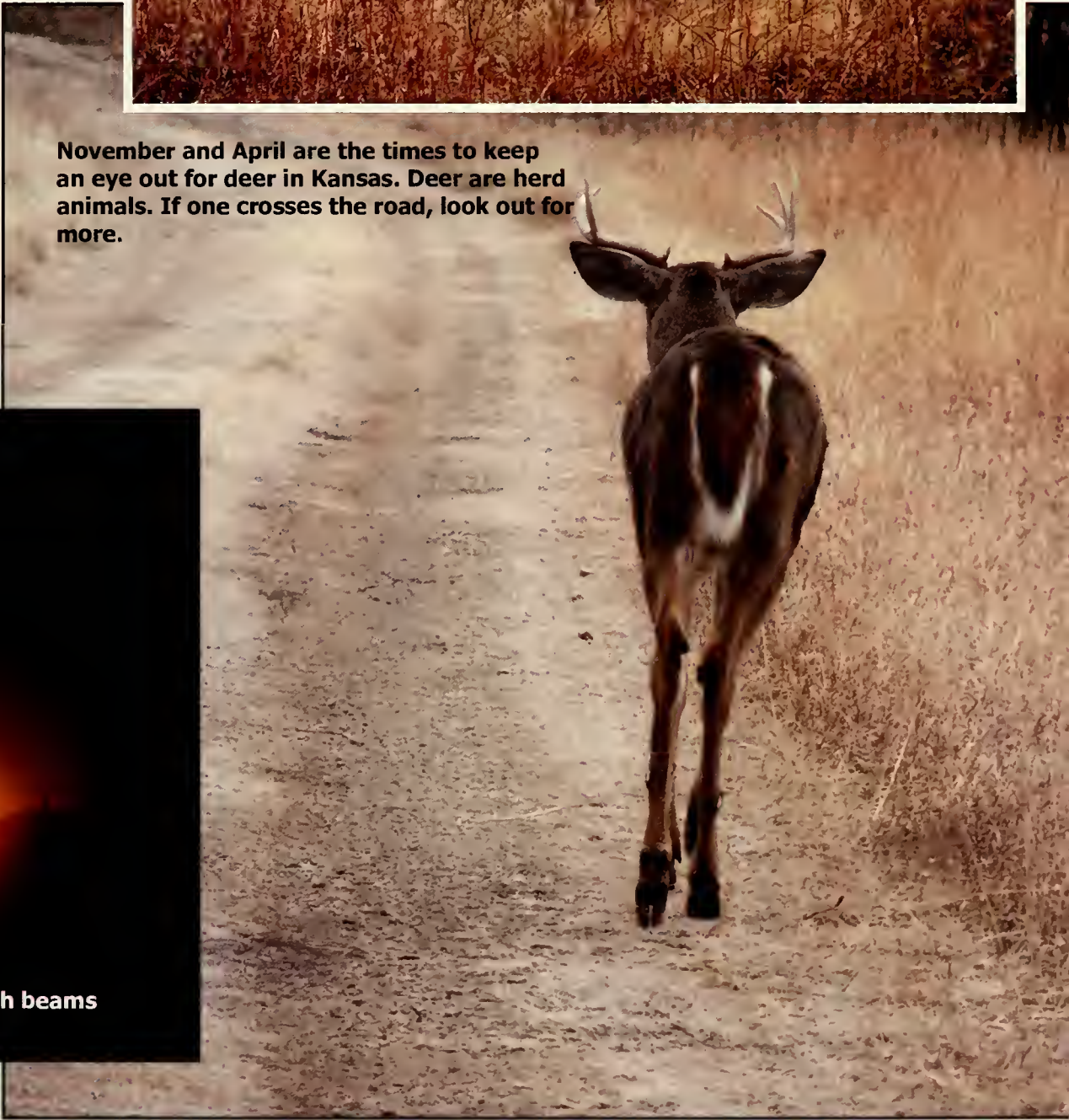
All Deer Photos - J.C. Boyce/Grizzly



November and April are the times to keep an eye out for deer in Kansas. Deer are herd animals. If one crosses the road, look out for more.



When driving at night with no oncoming traffic, high beams make deer easier to see.



Above: Courtesy Photo/ Google



# Uncle Ev Wants YOU!



Erin Carlson  
**Staff Writer**

Ev Kohls. He's the face of Butler Community College. He's the man wearing black trouser pants and a white button up shirt. He's the guy who will know who you are, where you came from, and your parents' names the moment you walk into his office. Kohls is the man who probably welcomed you to Butler

with a bowl of sugar-free candy sitting on his desk and a smile on his friendly face.

Kohls has been a part of Butler for the past 43 years, and the amount of jobs that he has held at Butler go way beyond those years. He's held almost every job title that Butler has to offer!

"What haven't I done here? Well, I was an offensive line coach, history and psychology instructor, director of

admissions and registrars office, coordinator of the McConnell program. I was the first adviser at McConnell when it opened in the early '70s. Along with the president of the college and the academic dean, I was on a committee of three, that set up all the original outreach sites for Butler Community College in Eureka, Augusta, Andover and Marion, and I started the women's basketball program. But now I'm an admissions counselor in El Dorado. Oh, and I am also director of the phone team."

Wow, what a resume. But jobs don't even begin to factor in what Kohls has accomplished throughout his 43 years here. He's seen Butler at the top of its game.

"I have plenty of great memories here at Butler but a few major highlights were from starting the women's basketball program and being the first full time student recruiter. The best of all was being

able to touch the lives of over 30,000 students while I've been here."

Currently Kohl's job description keeps him in the position of "Campus Visit Coordinator, helping to recruit students, with a main concentration on the vocational technical area," and he administers the Vocational Technical scholarships.

Even though Kohls came to Butler quite a few years ago, there was a time span of five years where he left Butler.

"I retired from Butler in '92 and I owned a sports store in downtown El Dorado. It was Kohls Sports until it sold out. Then I went to Bethany College for two years as a recruiter, but I never really left Butler because I still taught psychology at night. I officially came back here in 1997."

However, Bethany College in Lindsborg wasn't the only place that Kohls went during his time away. Europe was also on his list of travels.

"There was a study group out



of Salt Lake City..."

The phone begins to ring and duty calls for Kohls. He schedules a visit for an already booked week. He has been keeping busy in the Admissions office and he averages about four visits per day.

"...Well, a few people from here worked for them and we were stationed at the London of University South Wollfolk Campus. There were about 2,500 Americans in study abroad groups and we coordinated their visit when they came to London and we were their last stop before returning home. I had 12 London University students working as tour guides."

Not only did Kohls help coordinate the tours around London but he also got to travel along with the students.

"We got to go through Parliament and West Minster Abbey with guides and I got to get acquainted with a lot of people...it was a great 95 days...On that trip I went to France, Spain, Austria, Italy, Yugoslavia, Turkey, Greece and Israel. We even had one group that got detained in Czechoslovakia and I had to go and bail them out...it was a great experience," says Kohls with a hint of sarcasm and laughter.

He even had to cut his trip short by about a week to come back and coach football. Even after being a world traveler and working at another college Kohls made his way back towards Butler.

"Well, I am a believer that everybody has a spot that they are supposed to be at and God drives you in that direction. God drove me here through people I knew that paved the way. I firmly believe it's because I could help more young people here than where I was at."

God definitely molded Kohls for his job here at Butler as a visit coordinator in the Admissions Office. He never forgets a face, a place or the directions on how to get there.

"I enjoy meeting people. Especially young people because I'm around young people constantly and it keeps you going. Plus, if I meet a person I very seldom forget their name or where they are from...I believe that it's a talent to be able to do that."

People Kohls works with used to play a game with him about towns in Kansas. They would pick a town name and ask if he knew anybody from there.

Before long, everybody had claimed that Kohls had been to every town in the state of Kansas.

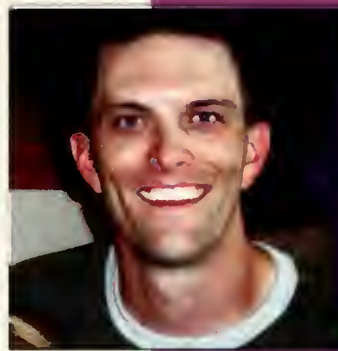
"I'm sure there is someplace that I haven't been to but I can't think of what it would be. When you've been to Speed and Buttermilk you've just about seen them all!"

After being around El Dorado for the past 43 years, Kohls has picked up quite a few tricks of the trade, especially those involving young folk going to college.

"Find a profession that you are comfortable in and work hard at making your career. When picking your career choose something that you really look forward to going to work everyday that doesn't mean the highest paying, just one that makes you feel good being a part of it. An example of this would be I've been doing this for 43 years but I never gave up learning. I pick up a new trick everyday. Also, always believe in yourself in everything. Last year was a very trying year for me but you just have to have faith."

If you ever have any questions for Kohls stop by his office sometime, grab a piece, or two, of his sugar free candy, check the coffee pot for something fresh and be ready for a great conversation. You might learn a thing or two.

## What YOU Think



"Ev is the grandpa of Admissions. He is an icon in this profession."

-Chad Steinkamp, Assistant Director of Admissions



"Ev is like my Butler guardian..."

- Mandy Scheer, Andale sophomore



"He's the man in the know."

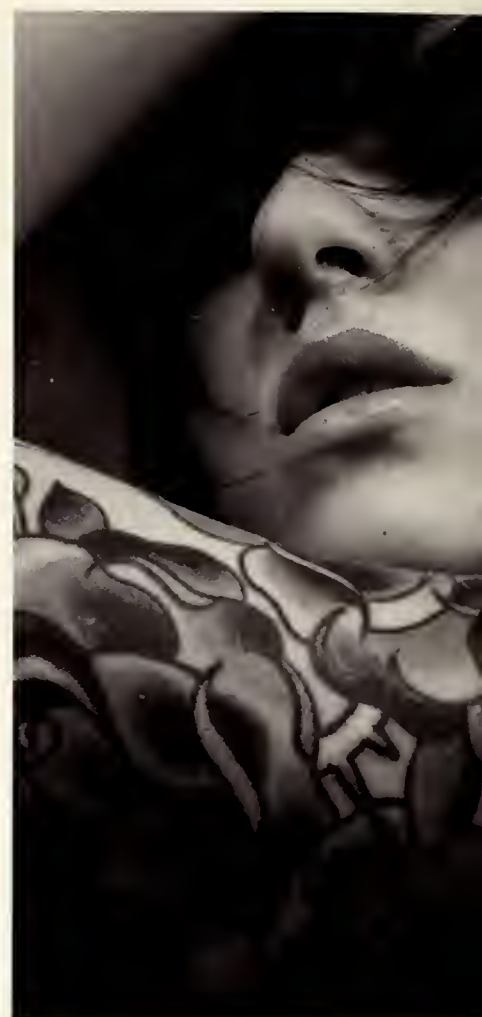
-Robert Carlson, Chemistry Instructor



Logan Jones/ Grizzly



# TRENDS



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**Design Editor**

They are everywhere you turn. From the gadgets in our hands to the shoes on our feet, trends are apart of our everyday lives.

"Trends definitely play a role in today's society, and not just fashion trends. I mean there are music, art, technology, hair and all sorts of other trends," says Kristina Johnson, Hamilton, Kan., sophomore.

For generations and generations, trends have made their mark on the world. From the crazy afros in the '70s to the poofy prom dresses with big bows in the '80s, trends are more than fads, they are art, they are history.

"It's always fun going through my mom's old yearbooks and seeing what weird

clothes she wore. I especially like the crazy hairdos," Johnson says.

Although trends can be kind of materialistic, they can also be sentimental. Style is what makes a trend, and style is art. It is an expression of individuality. We don't conform to trends, we choose them.

For example, the music we listen to is most often expressive of how we look at the world, or how we feel. In today's generation showing your personality through your style is a trend in itself.

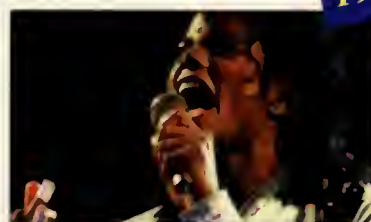
"Today people try to stand out. They want you to know if they are an emo, a rocker or a balla'. It seems like nobody wants to be

## DECADES of Fashion, Music & More!

In the '70s a very popular hair style was to have an afro. Afros are a present day symbol for the 'groovy' decade. Another popular hairstyle was having long straight hair



During the '90s the first Scream movie came out and soon became a huge hit. Throughout the late '90s numerous Scream films were made.



Michael Jackson became a sensation in the '80s with hits like "Thriller" that swept the nation and is still considered a classic.



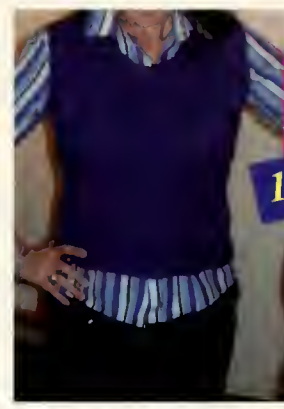
In 2001 Apple Inc. released the first Apple Ipad. It was and still is a huge success. Since the first Ipad there have been many 'generations' (newer versions) as today's technologies have advanced.



# NOW & Then



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**THEN**

1990s



**NOW**

ordinary anymore, everyone wants to be extraordinary, but if you think about it, that is definitely a good thing," Johnson says.

Some of today's popular clothing trends are skinny jeans, bubble dresses and bright colors. You will find that a lot of people today are combining old styles with new styles. Our generation's style is a combination of our great grandparents', grandparents' and parents' style as well.

"My mom always laughs when she sees teenagers wearing leg warmers or skinny jeans because she can remember being a teen when they were in style. I guess she didn't think that they

would ever come back into style," Johnson says.

Some of today's most popular artists are Lil Wayne, representing rap, Taylor Swift, representing country, We The Kings, representing bands, and of course Britney Spears is making her comeback in pop music.

A few other popular things right now are Ipod Touches, Pastry shoes, piercings and tattoos, Ed Hardy clothing line, Converse shoes, Xbox 360, the television show "90210" and "Family Guy." At the end of the day what we wear, listen to, watch, or the technology we use comes down to our own self expression.



**NOW**



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1990s



2003

Every once in awhile you get a new television show that becomes instantaneously a hit. In 2003 that show was the OC. The OC only ran for three seasons but while it aired audiences all over tuned in religiously.

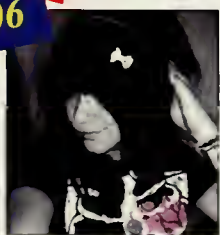


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Our new President Barack Obama has become a huge part of history and is touching many Americans today. His goals are to better our nation and make us all unite.

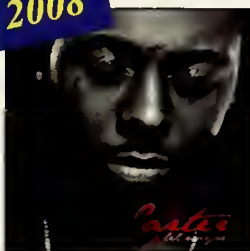
Around 2006 the EMO craze took over America's teens. Emo hair, style, music and photos became the newest hottest trend.

2006



With the hit song "Lollipop," Lil Wayne became one of the most popular artists of 2008. He was so popular other artists had him featured in their albums.

2008



1980s

**THEN**



**NOW**



# Expressions



Tiffany Ladson  
**Staff Writer**

As a sophomore, Cameron Bedell has already left his mark here at Butler.

"Last year I heard a saying, 'music is what feelings should sound like' and when I heard that I stopped writing music for the fun of it and more for the benefit of making a difference," says Bedell.

That difference is what Bedell tries to focus on when he sits down to start writing his music.

"When I sit down to write any type of music my first thought is how I can affect someone's life with this song," says Bedell.

Not only is making music Bedell's passion but it is also a way for him to express himself.

"I guess you could say I express myself through music by bringing comfort and understanding lyrically to anyone who listens," says Bedell.

As a freshman last year Bedell had a CD put out titled "Faith." His goal with the CD was not only to express himself but to influence lives of other students here at Butler.

"The reason I made that CD was to influence lives

here at Butler. The first track 'Change the World' is sort of a Butler theme song. It's the song that's on the Butler commercials and radio," says Bedell.

Recently Bedell has written a song for the Headliners called, "We Are The Change." His song is about the difference we can make in our world today, if we just believe in that change.

"Without faith there is nothing. Without hope we have nothing and without love we are nothing," says Bedell.

Bedell's latest CD titled "breakThrough" features 12 tracks with a majority of Christian value, which was released in November.

"The CD took a whole year to finish and was recorded within the walls of my small El Dorado apartment," says Bedell.

Although Bedell came to Butler with some experience, his career as a writer didn't really kick off until his first semester at Butler.

"My song writing career got started when I was just a freshman in high school, but didn't really get going until my freshman year at Butler, when I met my best friend, and co-writer, Alex Johnson (Butler '08 graduate). Our main focus was if we believed we could change the world then all we had to do was lure other people to



*Break Through" "you always find out that after  
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ough" "you always find out that after faith  
after faith comes a Break Through" "you always*

believe the same. People always say in our world today, that seeing is believing, but we say you gotta believe it to see it," says Bedell.

Bedell's main focus with his song writing career is not necessarily to express himself but more so to change the lives of other people.

"I've heard it said that if you can't change someone then you must change the way they think and that is why I make music. The expression of all my

faith all my hope and all my love here on earth is summed up within all the lyrics of my music. God has blessed me with the ability to make a change so that's what I plan to do," says Bedell.



Joel Plank/ Grizzly

Meron Bidell focuses the majority of his music on influencing other students' lives. Most of the music created by Bedell either involves his faith or religion.





The Butler of Andover campus's new addition was opened to the public on Nov. 18. This is the entrance into the main lobby, where the grand opening ceremonies took place.



Olivia Newfarmer  
**Staff Writer**

## BUTLER OF ANDOVER'S NEW STUDENT UNION

November 18 was the grand opening of the Butler of Andover student union. Butler's own Smorgaschords opened the ceremony by singing *Be Our Guest* from the Disney movie "Beauty and the Beast." The 2007-08 Student Government Association (SGA) President, Jamal Jones, and current SGA President Brad Zrubek made the welcoming speech, introducing the college's new addition.

Dr. Jackie Vietti, Butler Community College president,

gave the second speech, calling the student union a way to "create engaging space for conversations that matter."

After her speech, she handed the microphone over to Board of Trustees member Carter Zerbe. In his address, he thanked the architects and engineers for all of the hard work they contributed into creating the new union. He also went into detail about some of the neat things in the building, mostly focusing on the café.

Zerbe ended his speech by complimenting the Smorgaschords on being ranked as the eighth best quartet in the world. The Smorgaschords then took over, singing "Blue Skies" by Frank Sinatra.

After the quartet performance, Vietti, the Board of Trustees and the past and present SGA presidents cut the ribbon to signify the official opening of the student union.

"Being involved in college is important so that students get connected and network with other students, faculty and staff for future successes," said Karen Gelvin, Director of Student Development.

But it wasn't just the faculty that believed it was



time for a new student union. The SGA was asked to help plan for Andover's new addition, and in doing so, they got a majority of their feedback from Butler students.

"This is a student driven building," said Mike Calvert, Dean of Butler Learning Community Centers.

After doing their research, the SGA met up with the architects and the ideas started flowing. Agreeing on much of the feedback they received from students, both the SGA and the architects decided to provide students with lockers on the lower level of the union for backpacks, coats and anything else deemed necessary. Wireless Internet is available for those who wish to use their laptops, or those who

wish to use the computers that are already available in the union.

Also inside of the new student union is a meeting room, several lounge areas, a cyber café and a lobby. A game room is also available to those students who have some time to kill before or after class.

The new student union was built in a two-story level setting. Until now, the second story of the south side of the 5000 building was only manageable by stairs. An elevator was installed to make this second story more accessible.

On Grand Opening Night, there was an open buffet after the ceremony and there were also tours available to those who wanted to get a better view of the new student union.

Calvert finished up the ceremony

telling students, "This is yours, USE IT!"

And students are doing just that.

"I think the student union is something that will be very beneficial to Butler students," said Towanda freshman Katy Andrews. "It was a good idea to put one in Andover so that students have more to do and can be more social."

Soon, students at both the Andover and El Dorado Butler locations will be able to access their new student unions. BOE is currently awaiting the completion of their new student union. Until then, all students will be able to enjoy the new BOA student union.

*"This is yours,  
USE IT!"*

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Tables, chairs and computers are located inside of the Andover Student Union. Wireless Internet and lockers are available for BCC students.



The BCC Smorgaschords performed on opening night.



The Board of Trustees, President Jackie Vietti, SGA President Brad Zubrek and former SGA President Jamal Jones cut the ribbon for the official opening of the Andover Student Union. This event was open to the public and an open buffet was available for all attending.





# President Obama

Logan Jones/Grizzly

Opinion:

## *Barack Obama is elected to be the United States of America's 44th Commander in Chief.*



Logan Jones  
**Staff Photographer**

Around noon CST on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009 on the Butler County campus in El Dorado, several students and faculty hovered around the nearest television to take part in the viewing of some sort of news event. Travel 1,243 miles east from this Midwest community college and you would find yourself in the heart of all the commotion. We, the United States of America, were in the process of inaugurating our 44th President.

The temperature was

in the teens at the Capitol building in Washington D.C., but that did not keep away over a million emotionally wired spectators from being present at such a historic juncture in our nation's history.

Barack H. Obama (D-Ill.) held his left hand on a Bible held by his wife, Michelle, and repeated after Chief Justice John Roberts as he was sworn in as America's newest Commander in Chief. This marked the end of one road and the bright new beginning

of yet another. Obama's enduring journey to the White House began almost two years prior to this extraordinary day.

Obama's rousing speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention was somewhat of his introduction to the country on a large scale. At that point, people sighted a rising young powerful Democrat with much promise but expected a run at the White House to come in eight or 12 years, not four.

On a similarly frigid





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An Obama supporter sat and mingled with fellow Democratic hopefuls in the Murdock Theatre on election night. The main auditorium had a big movie theatre screen displaying the news and informing the audience of how each candidate did in each of the 50 states.

day, Feb. 11, 2007, Obama announced he would be running for the President of the United States in front of the Old State Capitol Building in Springfield, Ill. Although before a relatively smaller crowd, the excitement and vision of change and a new hope was undoubtedly conceived in the minds of many. But a portion of the country was still not fully aware of the young, brilliant and lustrous Senator from Illinois.

It did not take long for Barack Obama to become a familiar name with populace around the country, and most importantly the young voters. The internet began to flood with blogs, MySpace, Facebook and everything else with Obama advertising. By fall of 2007, Sen. Obama was a force to be reckoned with in the race for president.

Although he was now known, another historic candidate, Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY) was favored by many as the leading Democratic nominee. With the caucus and primary season right around the corner, the race for the left-side nominee was tight.

On Jan. 3, 2008, the Iowa Democratic caucuses were held. This was the first chance for Democrats to vote for a candidate and is usually a trenchant sign as to who is the front-runner. Obama won 37 percent of the Iowa delegates and became the first ever African-American to win the Iowa caucus. After Super Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, Obama had a substantial lead in the Democratic race and eventually won the party's nomination. With Sen John McCain (R-AZ) winning the Republicans bid for office, the final sprint to the world's most powerful position of office was set.

The 2008 Democratic National Convention was held in Denver, Colo. The city was flooded with media, politicians, supporters and of course a de-

cent supply of protesters. The Pepsi Center was packed to the brim. A speech by Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) brought tears to the eyes of many people, and a speech by Hillary Clinton pledging her support to Obama brought a monstrous roar from the crowd. The convention ended with another powerful parlance from the nominee himself at INVESCO Field.

A handful of anticipated and significant debates led up to Nov. 4, 2008, election day. Almost every exit poll showed Obama as the presidential favorite.

When the big day finally arrived, excitement overcame the country and the voting began. Around 7 p.m. CST, results started to come in. At the Murdock Theatre in Wichita, hundreds of Democrats gathered to watch the election and keep an eye on the electoral votes. Among the masses in attendance was Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer. He explained how proud he was to be able to be a part of this historical day and he was proud of how many people got out and voted.

By 9 p.m. CST, Barack Obama had already been declared the victor. He was going to be our nation's first African-American president. His opponent John McCain, gave a congratulatory speech in front of a decent crowd in Arizona. Moments later, in front of an enormous crowd, including Oprah Winfrey, Jesse Jackson and Brad Pitt, Obama walked out with his family and delivered his acceptance speech. His running mate, Joe Biden, was also present with his wife Jill.

From a cold day in Springfield, Ill. to another cold day in Washington D.C., Barack Obama blazed his way through the political circus and achieved history.



Logan Jones/Grizzly

Wichita Mayor, Carl Brewer, left, speaks with partygoers at the Sedgwick County Democratic Party held at the Murdock Theatre on the corner on Broadway and Elm on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Hundreds of people packed into the well-sized building starting at 6 p.m. and stayed until close to midnight. Brewer said that, "This is history and I am very pleased with the turnout of voters." He went on to explain he never thought he would see an African-American elected President. The crowd of people erupted when the announcement of Obama's victory became official on the television.

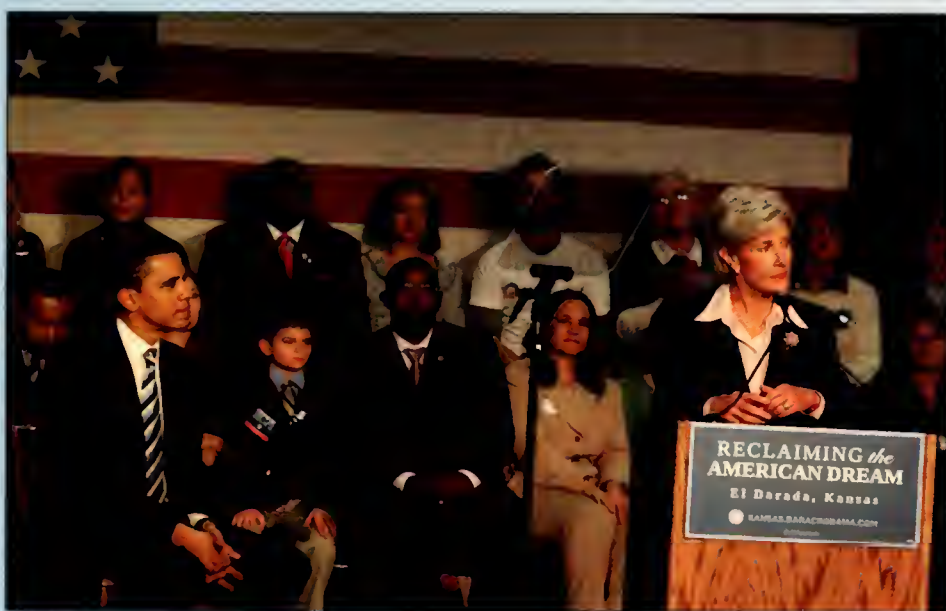


President Barack Obama came to Butler Community College on Jan. 29, 2008 because El Dorado is the hometown of his grandfather. It was a freezing cold day, complete with snow flurries and the absence of complimentary hot chocolate. Obama, the Senator of Illinois at the time, brought people from all over the state. Lines began to form hours before the doors opened, causing people to huddle together and contrive a way to create heat. The line stretched as long as a football field starting at the gymnasium where the speech was held. Although it was a school day, several students decided to attend this, possible once in a lifetime, event. Once the doors opened it was a chaotic sprint for seating. Chairs were lined out on the basketball court for seating, along with the stage, but the majority of people were placed on the bleachers. The gymnasium was packed to capacity, so much in fact that an overflow room was devised. This room had a television for people to watch the speech on, but after Obama finished he went and greeted the people in the overflow room. Many people left Butler Community College inspired that day.



Logan Jones/ Grizzly

A line of people the length of a football field formed as they awaited Barack Obama's speech at Butler Community College on Jan. 29, 2008. The freezing masses quickly warmed up as they packed the Butler "Power Plant" to capacity.



Logan Jones/ Grizzly

Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius spoke to the crowd at Butler Community College on Jan. 29, 2008. Presidential hopeful, Barack Obama, also listened to her as she pledged her support to the then Illinois Senator.

As President Obama was being inaugurated in front of the Capitol building in Washington D.C. on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009, people all over the world were watching. Several Butler students and faculty watched on televisions around the campus. Cecelia Battles and her husband Henry, both from Wichita, sat in the commons area next to the "Purple Pride" cafe. They sat with their eyes glued to the live footage of the first African-American president in United States history taking the oath of office. Cecelia Battles described the new president, by saying, "It's a nice change and I think we needed it. Hopefully, it will help people become more open." When asked if she believes if Barack Obama will do what he said he will, Battles says, "I really do, I really do think he'll stay true to his word." Butler student Richard Smart, Wichita sophomore, explained how he felt by saying, "Obama is like the gospel of America." A new chapter has been started in our nation's relatively brief history. It makes no difference if you are right, left, red or blue, America continues to grow as one strong union and this is just another stride for our unity.



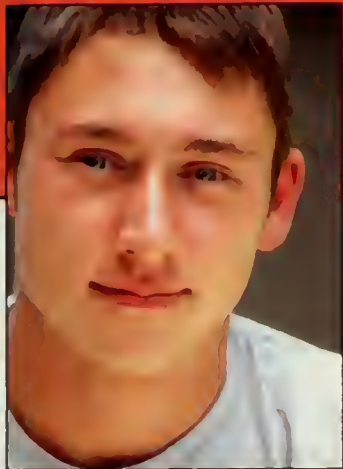
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Cecelia Battles (left) of Wichita and her husband, Henry, set in a commons area at Butler Community College on Jan. 20, 2009 to watch Barack Obama become the 44th Commander in Chief. Although a predominately red state, many Kansans took time to view the ceremony and pay respect to their new president.



# Historical Campaign, For Both Parties

## Republicans Endure Challenging Election



J.C. Boyce  
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### Opinion:

Honor. Service. Patriotism. These are just a few words that John McCain resounded throughout the nail-biting 2008 race for the White House. As an old war hero and former POW, McCain knew the importance of facing America's challenges and seeing to the needs of the American people. Even though he couldn't pull off the win, his campaign was one not to be forgotten.

The Republican primaries were fairly easy for McCain, who seemed to show the most leadership capability to Republican voters. While Mitt Romney and Mike Huckabee presented some more favorable policies, especially to conservatives, it was clear that McCain appealed to voters as better suited for the presidency. McCain's four terms as an Arizona senator, combined with experience as a U.S. Congressman and a heroic military history, paved the way for the Republican nomination.

During the heat of the campaign, but before vice-presidential picks were announced, John

McCain wanted to make it clear where he stood on the issues. He had to put forth a message that was well received by the American people. Obama only led McCain by single-digit margins in the national polls for most of the summer months, narrowing even more as the election drew closer. The anticipation was only building, and the campaign attacks were growing more aggressive.

One of the biggest surprises came on Aug. 29, 2008, when McCain announced Governor of Alaska and former Wasilla, Alaska mayor, Sarah Palin, as his vice-president choice. Palin was the first Alaskan, and only the second woman to ever run on a major U.S. party ticket. Her solid support of conservative values encouraged many conservative Republicans dissatisfied with McCain's alleged "flip-flopping." Over 40 million viewers watched Palin's acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention, where she really seemed to connect with average Americans.

As the American people chose on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008, they believed the best hope for change was not in McCain, but instead, Obama. Obama won the election with 365 electoral votes to John McCain's 173. If only the election was Kansas-centered, McCain would have had it, with 57 per cent of the vote. The heavily-populated areas



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determined the results, as the number of electoral votes indicated.

The election was a historical and unforgettable one, as Obama became the first president with African-American descent. McCain and Palin handled their defeat with exceptional grace, and wished the elected ticket the best. In his concession speech, McCain highlighted the importance of Americans coming together to solve our nation's difficulties and overcoming its challenges.

With many national concerns present, the Obama administration will have a big responsibility on their hands. The election excitement is past, and it's time for the realities of a presidency and much hard work. If President Obama will do everything to keep our nation great, as it has been since the founding fathers over 200 years ago, America will not just survive, it will thrive.



# DAMN RIGHT,

# HE'S GOT

# THE BLUES



Logan Jones/Grizzly



Logan Jones  
**Staff Photographer**

When it was announced that blues legend Buddy Guy would be coming to Wichita's Cotillion Ballroom on Dec. 13, 2008, it didn't attract as much attention as it should have.

It seems as if the typical college students have been too busy growing up listening to pop groups, hip-hop or the any of the other contemporary genres, which is fine. But to have so little knowledge, if any, of musical pioneers that don't hail quite the glory of the Beatles, Rolling Stones or

Elvis in the mainstream commercial industry is a bit of an atrocity.

Case in point, 72-year-old Lettsworth, La. born George "Buddy" Guy. A hard driven blues guitarist known for his gritty Chicago style sound and polka dot stratocaster.

He was influenced heavily by another Chicago legend, Muddy Waters, and signed a contract and recorded with Chess Records from 1960 to 1967. Some people say he made some of his best music during this time.

Having been in the music scene for over 50 years, trailblazing and influencing such artists as Eric Clapton, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jeff Beck and many others is something that cannot possibly go unnoticed, but it does.

Guitarist Magazine wrote, "Without Buddy Guy, the blues, not to mention rock as we know it, might be a heckuva lot less interesting today. Take the blues out of contemporary rock music or pop, jazz and funk for that matter, and what you have left is a wholly spineless affair. A tasteless stew. Makes you shudder to think about it..." That is why it is just as important to know the real architects of music as it is to know the new ones.

Buddy Guy has won five Grammy awards, and was a 2005 inductee into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. Guy is known for songs such as, "Mary Had a Little Lamb," "Stone Crazy," "Damn Right, I've Got the



Blues," "Feels Like Rain" and his version of "Sweet Home Chicago." A blues club in Chicago, Legends, was opened up by Buddy Guy in 1989 and is still a hot spot for locals and visitors to go hear the blues.

Just because some folks might not be as educated in music history, does not mean others are not. When it came time for the concert in west Wichita to arrive, excitement had risen. A few hundred people arrived early at the Cotillion before the doors opened. The parking lot began to crowd and finally the doors opened. After a lax pat down from security, the masses made their way to the ballroom.

Sitting off to the side at one of the tables was Francine Davis, dressed in copious amounts of gold jewelry and an alluring dress. Davis, formerly from St. Louis, was in attendance for a few reasons. One, she was so excited to see Buddy Guy perform for the first time, but her late husband, musician Larry Davis, once played with Buddy Guy as well as B.B. King. Now living in Wichita to help take care of her mother, Davis said she loves that Buddy came to Wichita but wished he came when warmer weather was present.

Before too long, rock veteran and song writer Tom Hambridge took the stage and opened the show. While playing his snare drum and singing, the crowd was impressed but wanted the Chicago bluesman they came to see. Eventually the opening set ended and by this point the Cotillion Ballroom was brimming with blues maniacs. The lights became dim and the crowd packed in as close as they could around the stage.



Logan Jones/Grizzly

**Blues master Buddy Guy plays his guitar with soul and passion on Dec. 13, 2008 at Wichita's Cotillion Ballroom. Guy played his guitar with a drumstick and sweat towel as well as strolling around the entire ballroom in between a few thousand souls.**



Logan Jones/Grizzly

**Francine Davis, from St. Louis, holds a picture of her late husband, Larry Davis, sitting next to blues legend B.B. King. Davis said her husband was a singer of the blues and had also played with Buddy Guy. This was Francine's first time seeing Buddy Guy perform.**

Buddy Guy walked out on the stage, with his band playing a bluesy rhythm in the background, and began to play his guitar as if he had sold his soul to the devil.

And once he took to the microphone and let out a spine tingling wail, the audience knew they were in the presence of greatness. Almost as marvelous as his guitar skills is his showmanship. Like B.B. King, Guy will talk to you throughout his songs. Some artists choose to shy away from this, thinking it can take away from the music. But that is what the blues is. Blues is all about the feeling you get inside you. Not just heartbreak or love lost like many assume, but also being to happy to know what to do. Half-way through the show, Buddy walked down a small flight of stairs into the audience. He proceeded to walk around the entire ballroom floor while continuing to play fiery, heavy and emotional guitar.

When the show finally came to an end, everyone was taking in what they just witnessed. With hearts pounding and adrenaline running through the bodies of everyone like river rapids, people slowly made their way to the exit.

As everyone walked outside into the now welcomed cool air, people were yelling and stumbling as they tried to remember where they parked. Many people left the concert with a new T-shirt or sticker from the merchandise table, but everyone left with a memorable night.

From Louisiana to Chicago, all the way to Wichita. Buddy Guy has has seen and done it all. He has played with those who have influenced him, and influenced many more himself along the way. There is no doubt that he's got the blues, from his head down to his shoes.



# A Day FOR Love

## Sarah, sophomore, An Old-Fashioned Love Story

"One year for Valentine's Day my boyfriend of almost one year invited me over to his house and gave me one of my favorite movies, 'The Notebook' as my Valentine's Day gift. Later that night after watching the movie we took a walk outside. Even though it was cold I didn't care because he kept me warm the entire time. After walking for a while he just stopped and laid down in the middle of the road and asked me to lay with him. I soon realized that he was reenacting my favorite scene from 'The Notebook'. I couldn't believe it! We didn't get chased off the road by a car with a loud horn. Instead he told me for the first time that he loved me. It was definitely a night to remember."



## Anonymous, Money Saver

"I bought my girlfriend a dozen roses, and had dinner reservations at PF Changs. However, later that day during World Geography I get this note passed to me from my girlfriend saying 'I feel like we should stop seeing each other.' I was broken, shattered into a million pieces...you could have passed the shards of my heart through an eye of a needle. Granted we were freshmen in high school but it ended up being okay on my behalf. I didn't have to spend the money on dinner later!"



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**Staff Writer**

Valentine's Day, whether you see it as the day of love or just another Hallmark holiday, it's a great excuse to let the people you love know how much you care about them.

Sure, you could go the expensive route by making reservations at that new suave restaurant in town and buying two dozen roses but why spend all of that cash when something simple, cheap, and possibly even handmade will do the same trick?

This Valentine's Day don't empty your wallet, instead open your mind to creative gift ideas for your significant other, parents and even friends. A personalized gift will mean so much more to them than the stuffed bears that fill the aisles at Wal\*Mart.

Go ahead, put on your thinking cap and make the Valentine's Day gift of a lifetime...you might just get the kiss of a lifetime in return.

## Rachel, freshman, A Beam of Light

"Last year from my now, ex boyfriend I got a shadow box for Valentine's Day. It's made out of a shoe box and he cut holes out of the top and then one hole on the short side in the middle of the square...this hole is used as a peep hole. Under each hole that is placed on the top he made a 3-D object and pictures that showed notable relationship memories. To see these memories you must go into a dark place and hold a flashlight over each of the holes and it shows a spotlight of the depicted memory. I thought it was really sweet because it was homemade and I knew it must have taken some time to create...It's been two months since we broke up and I still have the shadow box."





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# personalize it!

Make an ordinary gift off the shelf personal



Make an ordinary gift an extraordinary gift by adding a personal flair to it! Have lots of great memories caught on film, but only a box of chocolate to give to your loved one on Valentines Day? No worries, print off, or order from Wal\*Mart, a few photos to create a lovers collage on the top, side and even bottom of the box. They'll be sure to smile at your creativity!

Have you and your Valentine been together for a long time? Document your past as a couple. All you need is a pack of note cards, writing utensils, a small photo book, pictures and a great memory! Write down special events that have happened within the last year (or months) and add a picture of the two of you. Your Valentine will be amazed by your thoughtfulness, and who knows, maybe you can do the same gift next year!



If your date has a sweet tooth this is the gift to give. Buy a small container and fill the container up with their favorite candy, assorted or not. Next, go home and write specific things you like about them on tiny strips of paper. Go on, this is the holiday to be cheezy so nothing is off limits! Mix the strips of paper in with the candy. The candy won't be the only sweet thing in the container!

## FREE BACKRUB

This coupon is redeemable for one free backrub...anytime...anywhere baby!

## One Dinner for Two

Cook a romantic dinner for just the two of us!

\*\*Don't worry chefs, don't know how to cook? Check out page 32-33 in this issue.

## MOVIE OF YOUR CHOICE

Okay, you get to pick out the movie and I won't say one bad thing about it...until it starts.

## Breakfast in Bed

*I will cook (burn) breakfast for you while you lay in bed. However, there is one catch, afterwards we snuggle.*



# Spring break



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**Staff Writer**

It's that time of year again. Talk of spring break is zipping through the air, back and forth between text messages and all over your newsfeed on your Facebook page. But what's one main thing that sticks out about them? The recurring phrase, "let's get trashed!"

My goal in this article is to keep you away from being the stereotypical college student spring breaker. What do I mean? Parties, getting drunk, smoking weed, having sex with strangers, hangovers...you get the idea. With the best intentions, I am going to show you the variety of options that students like you and I can choose from when it comes to preparing your spring break plans. Stick with me on this.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE (ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK)

There are many services that work with adults that would like to spend their break helping others. One of the more common services is United Way. They are a national network of nearly 1,300 local organizations, working to help pursue the common good by concentrating on education, income and health. They believe that when a child succeeds in school, or when a family becomes financially stable, people are healthy. But in order to create miracles like these, it takes dedication from people who want to see others rise. If you are interested in giving the gift of help over spring break, check out the United Way's website and see what you can do to get involved.

## DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW

Learning is a trait that will follow you everywhere you go; it's your own personal ability. And whether you want to brush up on your basketball skills or give in to your cooking obsession, there is always room for improvement. According to diynetwork.com, a satisfying hobby is one that fits both your personality and your lifestyle. And their site will help you browse through a wide range of new hobbies, spanning from Native American beading to wine storage. Even if there is nothing in particular that you want to expand your knowledge about, there is plenty of new information for you to take in. After all, it's what you've learned after you know it all that counts.



*Finding the right spring break plans  
can turn a bland break into  
an ultimate getaway.*



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## START A NEW WORKOUT PLAN

Whether you want to put a few finishing touches on your 'spring break body' or want to start getting ready for your 'summer body,' spring break is a great time to whip yourself back into shape! Although you won't see results immediately, you will feel them after the first couple of days. Getting started can be a tricky task, but starting with a few light elements can make it a lot easier to work towards your goal. According to Buzzle.com, warming up is the most overlooked element when starting a workout. If you skip it, you'll be too sore the rest of the week to continue your exercise. Combine resistance training, cardiovascular workouts, and some light aerobics, and you will be happy with the outcome. You need to realize that change takes time, but if you work hard, you can make a difference in the way you look so that others will notice. You have an entire week to get started, there's no excuse!

## TAKE A TRIP Washington D.C.

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is held every year, celebrating the gift of Tokyo's 3,000 cherry blossom trees in 1912. This festival is held from March 28 to April 12. If you happen to be there on March 28, there will be all day activities available. According to travelwithkids.com, those events include a free event showcasing Japanese art, hands-on origami creations and a Smithsonian Kite Festival to end the day. Not only is the Cherry Blossom Festival an entertaining celebration, but being in Washington D.C. is possibly the most patriotic destination to be in this March only a few months after the inauguration of President Barack Obama. Relive and live history this spring break: go to Washington D.C.

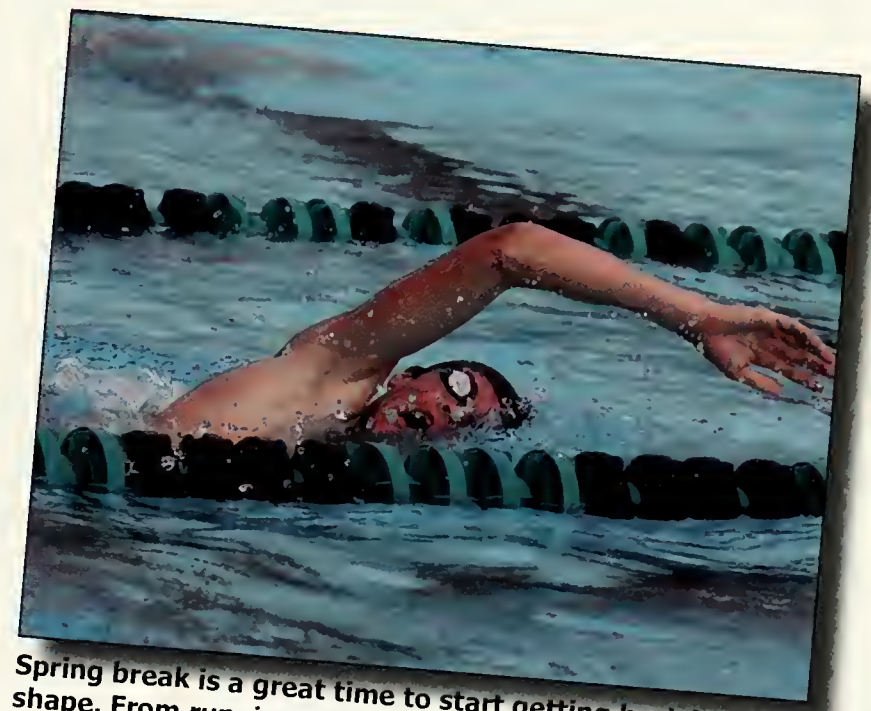
## Chicago, Illinois

Take advantage of this non-traditional location for spring break! With the majority of Chicago's population almost certainly traveling to warmer destinations, spending some quality time in the "Windy City" is well worth it. Although Lake Michigan will be much too cold to swim in over spring break, you can still visit the Navy Pier, built in 1916, located on the lakefront of Lake Michigan. With rides like the Navy Pier Ferris Wheel, the Musical Carousel, The Wave Swinger and a miniature golf and rope course, there is so much to do while visiting the Navy Pier. Chicago is also well known for its fine restaurants and nightclubs. You can check out both the restaurants and the clubs before and after visiting the Navy Pier. Make this year a non-traditional one and head north to the Windy City!

O.K., so I understand you don't have to follow my advice about the 'stereotypical college spring breaker.' Understand that some people have different views and perspectives about the controversial things that college students do. But do please be safe in whatever you may end up doing in March, and of course, have fun. That's what it's all about, right?



No matter where you may be staying, there are a variety of choices to choose from when traveling. This beach house in Texas is an ideal place to stay for college students.



Spring break is a great time to start getting back into shape. From running to lifting to pilates, there are so many different ways to get fit. Find your healthy passion this spring break and get motivated!

## GET A JUMP START ON YOUR SPRING BREAK PLANS

### TRY TO BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS EARLY.

Airline companies like to raise the prices of flights around spring break & are out to make that extra dollar that college students are willing to spend.

### RENT THE RAPE MINIMUM.

If you are staying in a hotel, instead of getting 2 or 3 rooms for everyone, just get 1 or 2. Doing this will keep the cost down. You can do this with food, too. Go to the grocery store the night you arrive at your destination and try to avoid the high prices of restaurants each night.

### USE A TRAVEL AGENCY.

Sometimes you can get a better deal (not to mention save a few dollars), which is always okay.

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# Student Jobs

Worried about finding a job that can work around your school schedule? Well, having a student job here at Butler might be the answer to your problem. There are plenty of jobs to choose from, you might even get lucky and find a job that relates to your future career choice.

The following student jobs are the most chosen employment opportunities at Butler. Students even have more than one payment option available to them. They can choose to receive a paycheck or have their money earned go towards their school fees.



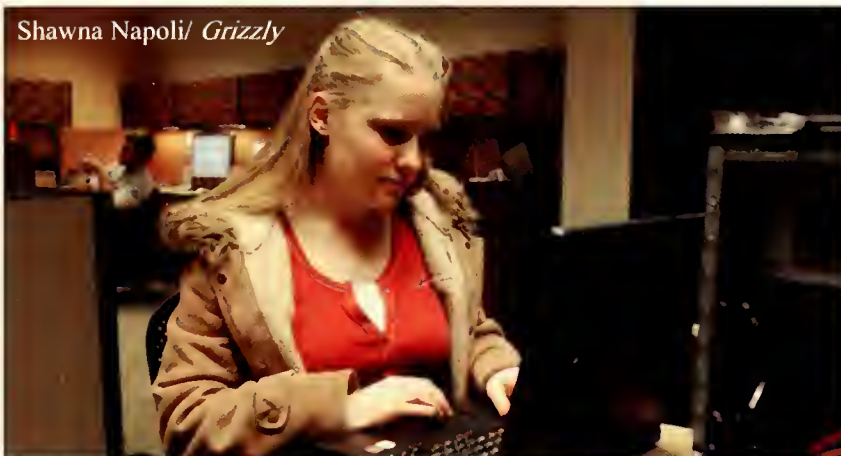
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## Web Services & Tech-E

Shawna Napoli/ Grizzly



**Loretta Kucharo, home schooled, sophomore, works on putting software on an instructor's computer. Tech-Es also specialize in tearing down and rebuilding desktops and laptops for students and instructors.**

Interested in computers?

The Tech-E

program is the most recently formed department in the Information Services Division at Butler (located in the 200 building). It serves a key role in not only educating everyone through the web site about Butler activities, enrollment, etc. but also makes certain that every computer on campus is working flawlessly.

"I like working as a Tech on campus because we don't have to work on weekends, we get paid more, have more hours available to us, and get to

know nearly everyone on campus," says Loretta Kucharo, home schooled, sophomore.

## EduCare

If working with children is your passion, EduCare (located in the 1600 building) is the place on campus to get a head start. Trilby Wiggins, El Dorado, sophomore, says, "I love working with my toddlers! It's so fun to see their shining faces everyday!"

Although EduCare typically hires only students majoring in a child care degree, it just means that there is more of a chance for those students to get that hands on experience, so don't be hesitant to apply!

**Trilby Wiggins, El Dorado, sophomore, reads Christmas stories to the toddlers in the Blue II room as they chow down on a kid friendly version of cherry pie.**



Shawna Napoli/ Grizzly



# Secretarial Center



Shawna Napier Grizzly

**On the computer, Joel Rop, Kipsangui, Kenya, freshman, does his part in sorting campus mail, and providing instructors with copies for their classes.**

If you enjoy an office environment, the Secretarial Center (located in the 200 building) just might be the place for you. Joel Rop, Kipsangui, Kenya, freshman, says he enjoys his job. "It's simple, but keeps me busy." Student workers do anything from making copies for instructors, to faxing documents for students. The secretarial center is also responsible for the mail moving in and out of campus. Oh, and if you're in need of moving boxes, they've got you covered! A handful of boxes can be found outside of their office on any given day, just

get to them before the custodians do and they're yours free of charge.

## Custodial Work

Don't mind scrubbing toilets? Custodial work might not be the most extraordinary job, but if you have an independent personality, this is the job for you! Malachi Mosier, Towanda, sophomore, says, "I like being able to put on my headphones in the evenings, and literally bust a move while mopping, without being seen." Workers not only need to be able to work during the week, but they also need to be flexible during the weekends.

**In the Student Union, Malachi Mosier, Towanda, sophomore, sweeps up the sand that was dragged in from the sidewalks.**



Joel Plank Grizzly

## Application Steps for Student Jobs

- 1) Go to Butler's web site. ([www.butlercc.edu](http://www.butlercc.edu))
- 2) Scroll down until you see the "Take Me To" menu on the left and click on the "Employment" link.
- 3) A new window will open. Click on the "Career/Employment Services" link.
- 4) Under the navigation list on the left, click the "Student Career Services" link.
- 5) Select "Online Career Center."
- 6) Click on the "Career Connections for Students" icon.
- 7) Complete the registration form and submit the form.
- 8) You should receive an e-mail confirming access from your online registration.
- 9) After reading the e-mail, you will be able to log on to the system.



# Moving on After Butler

## TRANSFERRING TIPS AND TALK



Erin Carlson  
**Staff Writer**

"I'm just trying to graduate with my Associates degree, the last thing I need is added stress with worrying about transferring to another school!"

With every week that passes, graduation day at Butler inches closer and if you're one of the many graduating this May, or just leaving Butler for another university, this thought probably crossed your mind at least once. Hundreds of students transfer from Butler every year. Some have an easy time transferring and for others, it's a horrifying experience. But it doesn't have to be.

Most students get stressed when switching schools because they are on unfamiliar ground. They have no clue how the innards of the college work and function on a daily basis.

With these insider tips you will be on your way to starting the next semester at another school hassle free. So go on, take a moment, sit down and soak this all in. It might be the best thing you've read so far!

### **Contact the transfer school.**

Call their admissions office and ask them about any deadlines. Whether it involves the admissions application, acceptance of transcripts, enrolling or even financial aid, a simple phone call can put a halt to any confusion. Mark these dates in your calendar. If you don't have a calendar we suggest you create one.

### **Go ahead! Fill out that application.**

Most colleges will accept an application for admissions at any time. At your visit go ahead and fill out an application for admissions. Don't have time? Ask them if there is some place on their website where you can fill out the application. A common mistake of students is waiting until the very last minute to fill out all of their paperwork. Nothing is more frustrating to you and the college workers than being unprepared. Plus, if they have any questions for you it gives the workers plenty of time to get a hold of you.

### **FAFSA what?!?!?**

A notorious confusing part of the college experience is receiving financial aid. The financial aid process can take weeks to get finished and that is only if you turn in all the appropriate documents on time. Call their financial aid department and ask questions! This is the only way to get it right. At first they will tell you to fill out the FAFSA application. This can be found at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).



## Transcript Time.

Okay, final grades are locked in for the school year and you are about ready to leave Butler for good. But wait. Before you go there is something very important to take care of – your transcripts. Contact Butler's Registrar's office to get your transcripts sent to your new university. Be prepared, there is a small fee, but don't worry it won't leave your wallet empty. Also, this is another area where giving the colleges plenty of time to send, and receive the transcripts, is key. Do you see a returning theme yet?

## Enrolling.

All schools give their students weeks, if not more than a month, to enroll in their classes for the next semester. Sure, everybody gets busy with work, family, friends, blah, blah, blah, but use that month to get enrolled. Don't waste until the last minute to sign up for classes. You will only get disgruntled because the classes you were wanting are full. Also, before going to speak with an advisor take a look at a class catalog for the upcoming semester. Get to know your options, and maybe even write down a few notes on classes you would like to take. You are in college now, take some initiative. The advisors aren't going to tell you exactly what classes to take and when to take it. It's not their schedule, it's yours so have some part in creating it.

## Paying the College Bill.

All right, so now you are enrolled for the next semester at your new school. Instead of waiting to be billed, go ahead and set up a payment plan in their Accounts Receivable offices. That way you know it is already taken care of and will have no reason to have a hold on your account or even to be dropped from your classes.

# FAQ: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY STUDENTS

**Q:** "Do I have to send my transcript? I didn't get very good grades and I just want to make a clean start."

**A:** Yes, your transcripts are used to help place you in the correct classes when enrolling. Plus, colleges won't accept you as a transfer student if you don't have a transcript and most won't even let you obtain your degree!

**Q:** "I've changed my mind and I am wanting to transfer. What should I do about my already established financial aid?"

**A:** The first thing to do is contact the office at your prior school and cancel the aid. Then have a final transcript sent to the school you are wanting to transfer to. Next go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and add their school code number to your fafsa form.



# A Taste of Home

## Made Easy



Tiffany Ladson  
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Erin Carlson  
**Staff Writer**

Whoever said the great taste of home cooked food was over when you left for college?

Most students, after moving out of the house for the first time are completely lost in the cooking field. Common excuses used by students are that there isn't enough time and they only have a microwave at their disposal.

This time there is no room for excuses! With these recipes, home cooked food is brought straight to your dorm room or apartment. And all you need is a microwave, ten minutes and a little common sense!

Cooking can be enjoyed as a solo act or done as a team. These recipes can be created either way. Have a little fiesta in your room with Mexican Rice Dip and your friends or if you're taking a mental break and your sweet tooth is screaming try out the Cup Cake. Both dishes will be sure to make your taste buds holler. So go ahead, take a break from the book, say goodbye to ramen noodles and indulge in a real meal.

### "Oh Baby!" Biscuits

- Mix 2 cups of self-rising flour, 1 cup of butter and 1 cup of sour cream together in a bowl.
- Roll into golf ball-sized balls and place into muffin tins.
- Let stand for 20 minutes without being touched
- Eat cold or warm for 10 seconds in the microwave.

#### Ingredients:

- 1/4 C. Milk
- 1 C. Pasta
- 1/2 C. Water
- 2 ounces of Cream Cheese
- 1/4 C. of finely grated Parmesan Cheese

### Dorm-Style Fettucine

#### Steps:

- Put the noodles and water into a bowl
- Microwave on high for 2 min and stir. Continue until the pasta is soft.
- Drain the noodles and wipe the dish dry.
- Mix cream cheese and milk into the bowl, microwave for 1 min. Stir.
- Add Parmesan cheese and stir until smooth.
- Mix sauce and noodles together and toss.

#### Tips and Extras:

- \*If you want chicken, add 1 drained can of chicken to step four.



Courtesy Photo



# Saucy Sides

## Mexican Rice Dip

Ingredients:

- Uncle Ben's 90 sec. Spanish Rice

- Shredded Cheese

- Black Beans (Optional)

- Canned Chicken (Shredded)

Steps:

- Mix rice, chicken and beans together.

- Put desired amount of cheese into mixture.

- Refrigerate and microwave as served.

- Serve and eat with chips.

## Corn-Bean Dip

Ingredients

- 1 (15 ounce) can black beans, drained

- 1 (10 ounce) can corn, drained

- 1 tomato, chopped

- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped

- 1/8 cup red onion, chopped

- 3 tablespoons lemon juice

- 2 tablespoons olive oil

- salt

- pepper

Directions

- Combine all ingredients in a bowl.

- Refrigerate until ready to serve.



Joel Plank/ Grizzly

## Chicken Apple Salad

Ingredients:

- Caesar Light Salad from Wal\*Mart (of Dillons) The salad mix comes with the dressing and croutons.

- One whole apple

- One can of chicken

Steps:

- Cut up the apple into bite-sized pieces.

- Cut the canned chicken into bite-sized pieces.

- Mix everything together and enjoy!

## Cup Cake

Ingredients

- One box of cake mix (any flavor)

- One small box of instant pudding (not sugar free)

- 1/3 cup of confectioners sugar

- 1 1/2 t-spoon of cocoa or vanilla powder or instant coffee.

- 2 tablespoon of water and 1 tablespoon of oil

- 1 egg white

Steps

- Mix the cake mix and instant pudding together

- Stir in one egg white on table spoon of water and oil.

- Pour into mugs and microwave on high for 2 minutes (time may vary)

- In another bowl mix the confectioner sugar and your choice of powder and one tablespoon of water- stir well

- When 2 minutes are up put the glaze mix on the cake and enjoy.



Courtesy Photo



# *Epic Win* *In Salt Lake!*

## Butler brings home back-to-back National titles



Ethan Denton

### Sports Media

For the second consecutive year, the Butler Grizzly football team traveled to Utah to face off against the Snow College Badgers for the NJCAA National Championship. And for the second consecutive year, the Grizzlies brought home the title. In an instant classic, the Grizzlies defeated the Badgers 37-30 in double overtime. Unlike last year's blowout win over Snow in a blizzard on the University of

Utah's Rice-Eccles Stadium, kickoff took place a few miles to the south in Sandy, Utah's Rio Tinto Stadium which hosted its first ever American football

game. The brand new state-of-the-art facility was built specifically for soccer, as the new home for Major League Soccer's Real Salt Lake team. But the stadium's field was fit for football as well and it was a crystal clear day perfect for football, and for the Grizzlies a perfect day to bring home their sixth national championship.

Snow College received the opening kickoff, and the Grizzly defense took the field and got off to a good start,

forcing the Badgers to go three-and-out. Then the Grizzly offense got their chance, and they took advantage. Quarterback Press Taylor, Norman, Okla. sophomore found wide receiver Edgard Theliam, Bradenton, Fla. sophomore for a 68 yard completion inside the Snow 5-yard line. Running back Randell Bell, Roswell, Ga. sophomore, capped the drive with a two yard plunge into the endzone to give the Grizzlies an early 7-0 lead. Snow responded a few minutes later with a touchdown run from Tyson Church to tie the game.

For the remainder of the first quarter and well into the second quarter, both teams' defenses took control of the game. Butler finally broke the tie and got the momentum going their way as defensive back Laron Scott, Warner Robins, Ga. sophomore intercepted Snow quarterback Jon Eastman and returned it 39 yards for a touchdown. The extra point failed, but the Grizzlies still led 13-7. On the Badgers' very next possession, Church fumbled and the Grizzlies recovered deep in Snow territory. Taylor led the Grizzlies to another score on the short field as Bell ran it in from a yard out to give Butler a 20-7 lead going into halftime. Through one half of play, the game was looking eerily similar to the game a year before, in which the Grizzlies ran away for an easy blowout victory. But the Badgers were bound and determined to not let that happen again.

Exactly two minutes into the third quarter, Snow blocked a Butler punt and the ball bounced out of the back of the endzone for a safety, trimming the Butler advantage to 20-9. However, the Badgers could



Logan Jones/ Grizzly

**After an exciting and emotional championship game in Sandy, Utah, Jonathan Massaquoi, Lawrenceville, Ga. sophomore breaks down while celebrating with his Butler teammates. The game went into double overtime and finally ended in the Grizzlies favor after a tough defensive stand.**



not take advantage of great field position for the majority of the third quarter and the Butler offense marched down the field before facing a fourth down. Kicker Logan Ortiz, Fort Leavenworth freshman connected on a 24 yard field goal to give the Grizzlies a 23-9 lead heading into the fourth quarter. Then things started to get interesting.

After the Grizzly defense forced another Snow punt, the offense took over deep in their own territory. Taylor attempted to scramble away from pressure but was caught from behind and fumbled. Snow recovered and on the very next play, Eastman found wide receiver Sam Thomas in the back of the endzone and all of a sudden the game began to take a different direction. Leading 23-16, the Grizzlies tried to eat up the clock by running the football. They came up short in three plays and were forced to punt. Snow returned the ball all the way to Butler's 33 yard line. This time Snow did not strike quickly, but on fourth down from the one yard line, Badger fullback Mike Meifu bulled his way in to the endzone to tie the game. The crowd was filled with mostly Badger fans, and they got loud and really fired up. But the Grizzlies had four minutes to try to take the lead back. They managed to drive well into Snow territory but turned the ball over on downs. With just seconds left, Snow did get into scoring range, but time had expired in regulation. An already thrilling game was headed to overtime.

Snow got the first possession in the extra session and it took them only two plays to gain the lead for the first time all day. Eastman and Thomas connected again to give the Badgers a 30-23 lead and what seemed like all the momentum. It seemed like the Grizzlies were done for in their quest to repeat. The Grizzlies hung tough though and responded, as Taylor found wide receiver Faron Hornes, Bradenton, Fla. sophomore for a 14 yard touchdown and a 30-30 tie.

In the second overtime, nobody could have known what was about to take place. The Grizzlies had the ball first and faced a fourth down deep in Snow territory and elected to send out Ortiz to try to give the Grizzlies a three point lead. However, on the attempt the Badgers blocked the kick, and ball rolled into the endzone. If the ball were to be left alone and come to a dead stop, that would have been the end of the play. But two Snow players attempted to pick up the ball and fumbled it away. That made the ball live and Butler's Demonte Hill, Wichita freshman, fell on the ball in the endzone. After the officials huddled and discussed the play, they correctly ruled that since the ball was touched by Snow and ultimately recovered by Butler it was a touchdown for the Grizzlies. So after what at first seemed to be a play gone bad for Butler, suddenly became a game-changing play in the game. Snow then had to



Logan Jones/ Grizzly  
**Butler defensive end Zac Clark, Wichita sophomore, gets through the Snow offensive line and lands a blistering hit on the Badgers quarterback. Clark was chosen as the defensive most valuable player of the game.**

match the Grizzlies with at least seven points to send the game into a third overtime or score eight to win the game. Neither happened; on Snow's first play of the second overtime Eastman dropped back to pass he looked towards his receiver Regan Buck who was already covered by a Butler defender. Eastman threw the ball towards Buck, but as he did, it gave Butler linebacker Forlando Johnson, Atlanta, Ga. freshman, time to run over and bat the ball away into his hands for an interception and the end of the game. After Johnson grabbed the ball and secured it away, the entire Grizzly team ran out onto the field in a bedlam of celebration, and the Snow Badgers all had the same look of utter shock and absolute disbelief of what had just taken place moments ago.

It was not a blowout in a blizzard, but a double overtime thriller for the ages. And the bottom line was one way or another the Grizzlies found a way to get the job done, the game won, and their sixth national championship overall. For Grizzly fans all over Butler County and the surrounding areas, it could not have gotten any better or sweeter.



# New Recruits Bring *Big Improvements*



Dan Page  
**Sports Media**

Last season, the Grizzly men's basketball team finished the year with a 9-21 record which put them at second to last in the Jayhawk Western division. Head Coach Mike Barga took over half way through the season for Randy Smithson who resigned.

After the season, the Grizzlies lost nine players to graduation and transfer. This meant it was time for coach Barga and assistant coach Jon Craig to hit the recruiting trail hard. Once

all was said and done the Grizzlies got commitments from ten recruits.

Keyon Milliner, Indianapolis, Ind. freshman, Tracey Underwood, Fort Wayne, Ind. freshman, Luke Engelken, St. Joseph, Mo. sophomore, Sam Creecy, Atlanta, Ga. freshman, Dushawn Brooks, Chicago, Ill. freshman, Mark Morgan, White City freshman, Zeb Garrison, Augusta freshman, RJ Jarrett, Kansas City freshman, Troy Pierce Emporia freshman, and Caleb Walker, Hutchinson freshman, all committed to play for the Grizzlies this season. The program only returned two players from the previous season in Maurice Colter, Forrestville, Md. sophomore, and Keil Riemann, El Dorado sophomore. Walker was also committed to play football in the fall, but after playing in a few games he left the team to pursue basketball. As the season has gone on fans have seen soaring dunks from Milliner and Brooks who have brought excitement back to Grizzly basketball.

The Grizzlies tipped off their first game of the season at home for Haunted Hoops on Halloween night vs. Tabor JV. In their first formal game effort, Butler put up 105 points in their 105-74 victory. In that game, all but one player scored for the Grizzlies.

Their second matchup paired them with another JV team at home as they took on Friends JV and it was a little more competitive than the

first game, but the Grizzlies maintained a lead throughout the whole game, winning 76-62.

There was one game left at home vs. Northern Oklahoma-Tonkawa before the Grizzlies would make their first road trip. In a match-up against their first non-JV opponent, the Grizzlies played a great second half, scoring 47 of their final 74 in a 74-53 victory.

Finally, the Grizzlies hit the road to the Allen County Classic where they defeated two JV teams who caused the Grizzlies to use the term "JV" very softly as their win-



Brandi Niemeyer/Grizzly

**Troy Pierce, Emporia freshman, throws up a one handed shot over the Northern Oklahoma defender. The Grizzlies pulled off a close win over the Mavericks, winning 74-53. Luke Engelken, St. Joseph, Mo. sophomore, ended the night achieving a team high of nine rebounds along with 17 points.**



ning streak continued to form.

Next on the schedule was Northern Oklahoma-Enid at home who the Grizzlies built an early sizeable lead against, but in the second half allowed to come back and make it a game as Butler sneaked out the victory.

The Grizzlies hit the road next for the Best Western Classic in Coffeyville to take on Allen County and Coffeyville. In the first match-up, the team defeated Allen 77-73 and on the following day lost to host Coffeyville. The loss ended Butler's seven game winning streak which was their first since November 2004. Butler then faced Allen in a rematch at home, a game that finished the same as the first with the Grizzlies on top 59-49 as the team improved to 8-1. This game was the first in which Engelken did not score 17 points or more on the season.

The Grizzlies then traveled to Enid for a rematch and lost a heart-breaker 85-83 in overtime. They then defeated two solid opponents in Iowa Western, ranked #14 at that time, and avenged a loss against Coffeyville before playing in the Jayhawk Shootout located at Coffeyville.

In their first match-up, the Grizzlies faced the Kansas City Community College Blue Devils from the Jayhawk East and won 68-55. The next day Butler was put to the test against a very tough Cowley County team who was ranked nationally in the top five, but the Tigers were too much as Butler lost 89-71 in their final game before winter break.

Coming back from break early, the Grizzlies played host to Dodge City and won 70-66 in overtime to get back to where they left off and were led in scoring by Walker with 20 points.

A few days later, the Grizzlies made a comfortable trip to Garden City for an exciting match-up that went right down to the wire. The Broncbusters just barely squeaked out the win by two, 58-56. Joining the team before the game was Chance Riley, Lawrence sophomore, who played football first semester he joined the men's basketball team during break, and received his first minutes of playing time vs. Garden City.

Exactly a week later, Butler took on the Hutchinson Blue Dragons in a match-up that the Butler fans who were present will not forget. Walker, a Hutchinson native, stepped up big in this game, scoring 29 points and having a great game defensively guarding the leading scorer, Darius Johnson-Odom.

Carrying momentum from the a big home victory,



**Tracy Underwood, Fort Wayne, Ind. freshman, takes a hand off from his teammate, Troy Pierce, Emporia freshman. The men came off a losing season, improving to 17-6 for their overall record so far this season as of press time.**

Brandi Niemeyer/Grizzly

the Grizzlies (13-4) then traveled to Great Bend to take on #11 Barton County (18-1). Butler fell to the Cougars 75-64 in a game where the Grizzlies sported their new black and purple jerseys.

Butler next returned home to play the Colby Trojans on Jan. 21. The game was high scoring as highlight dunks from both squads were thrown down, but in the end the Grizzlies prevailed 100-91. The victory certainly wasn't their best as Colby had been sitting at the bottom of the Jayhawk West standings.

Moving up in the conference standings, the Grizzlies then made a trip to Pratt for an exciting match-up in the Beaver Dome. Pratt was sitting not far behind the Grizzlies in the standings and proved that this game was sure to be a fight. This one was a very physical ball game for 40 minutes and coming back from trailing by nine, the Grizzlies won on a buzzer beating lay-up from Underwood.

With much left to prove on the season the Grizzlies continued to fight as they had their minds on performing well in the postseason.

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# Coach Brings New Light to Women's Basketball



Dan Hoffman  
**Sports Media**

A brand new start for the women is the the best thing for them after a disappointing season last year.

The new head coach, Mike Helmer, from Wichita South High School where he spent seven years, was very successful reaching the state playoffs a number of times in 6A and losing in the final in 2006. He has moved to the college game for the first time.

Jerise Freeman joins Coach Helmer as the assistant , after a season at Pitt State as a graduate

assistant. She is used to the Jayhawk Conference, as she spent two years at Seward as a player.

Coach Helmer had four players returning to Butler for the season, Raneisha Hunter Kansas City, Kan. sophomore, Brittany Aldrich, Udall sophomore, averaging 9.2 points and 41% shooting from three point distance and 45% shooting on the year, Lindsey Handcox, Austin, Texas sophomore, and Damara Lewis, Lyons sophomore.

The Grizzlies also welcomed lots of new faces to the court. Angie Criner, Tulsa Okla. sophomore, brings the Grizzlies an average of 17 points with 6.6 rebounds a game. Criner was a key player for the Lady Grizzlies with 26 points in her first game.

Alysia Hart, Goddard freshman, with 11.3 points per game with 76% free throws, is another new face to the team. Hart with 22 points in the second game for the Grizzlies seems to get her game going when Criner is off.

The Grizzlies, with other key new players as Lynsey Maple, Wichita sophomore, Jasa Wuthrich, Whitewater freshman and Janelle Briar, Newton freshman, keep the inside area strong. The Grizzlies may give up a lot of height in games but effort makes up for it.

The sixth player for the Grizzlies in the early part of the season would be Jacque Dean, Denton, Texas freshman, and her defense brings the Grizzlies depth on the bench, something new this season.

The Lady Grizzlies have even more depth at the guard position as Demika Holt, Jefferson City Tenn. sophomore and Mallory Mleynek, Wichita freshman, provide solid minutes off the bench for the Grizzlies.

The Grizzlies have given hope to the fans as the energy and the excitement of women's basketball is back as is the "floor burn defense" as student radio calls it. The Grizzlies started the season with nowhere but up to go, after a very disappointing season last year. The Grizzlies were predicted to finish fifth in the Jawhawk West conference and just make the playoffs.

Opening night on Halloween gave the Lady Grizzlies a good test as Independence visited the Power Plant, and stood toe to toe with the Grizzlies till the last second of the game and the Grizzlies won by two. Criner with 26 points in the game led the team.

The Lady Grizzlies started their season quickly and jumped to 6-2 in the first eight games of the season.

The Grizzlies had great scoring in the first couple of games from Hart, Criner and Aldrich all stepping up in the early part of the season.



Logan Jones/ Grizzly

Alysia Hart, Goddard freshman, protects the ball from two clawing Cloud Thunderbirds at the Power Plant. The Lady Grizzlies took a loss to the Thunderbirds, 61-45, after winning their previous two games against Pratt and Colby.



The first roadblock the Grizzlies ran into was Thanksgiving week. The Grizzlies went on a three game skid on the road in Oklahoma and Hutchinson.

The Grizzlies started the streak in Oklahoma falling to Northern Oklahoma-Enid, and continued it into Hutchinson dropping two more as ninth ranked South Plains, Texas and Labette stole games from the Grizzlies.

The Grizzlies returned home for the final non-conference game before the Jayhawk Shootout and ended the skid with a big victory over Tabor JV.

The Grizzlies started the Jayhawk Shootout with a much needed victory over Kansas City, but fell the next day to a very good Cowley team. Criner led the team with 20 points against Kansas City, and 12 points versus Cowley.

The Jayhawk Conference started after the long Christmas break with the team missing two key players due to injury as Criner and Aldrich both sat out for a couple of games.

Jan. 3 the Grizzlies hosted Dodge City, and earned Coach Helmer another key win as this marked his first conference win as Hart led the team with 14 points as Criner missed the game due to the injury.

The Lady Grizzlies did not see another victory for two weeks as they dropped three games, to Garden City and Barton on the road and a good Hutchinson team at home.

The Grizzlies finally got back on track as they hosted Colby at the Power Plant. The Grizzlies' Handcox had 26 points, 13 rebounds and 11 of 18 shooting for the night to send the Lady Grizzlies to another victory 75-55 over the Lady Trojans. The Grizzlies hit the road again hoping for a better trip to Pratt.

Behind the game high 26 points from Hart, 10 of 12 from the free throw line and 7 of 13 from the field, the Grizzlies took out the Beavers of Pratt 64-58.

The Grizzlies returned home for a game against a tough and very good Cloud team ranked 10th. The Grizzlies fell to Cloud 61-45. The Grizzlies woes continued again but the game was broadcast on TV for the first time this year on BCTV.

The long road for the Grizzlies continues as conference play just started. The Grizzlies, 11-10 so far on the year, look to improve in conference with a 3-4 record in the

games remaining on the schedule. Cloud and Seward back to back have a rough road ahead of them. The standings about midway through the season are looking to steal a couple of games to better their standings for the playoffs



Logan Jones/ Grizzly

**Mike Helmer started off his season as a first time collegiate basketball coach, coming from Wichita's South High School. At South High, Helmer led there women's team two 6A State Tournaments. He started off his season right with two wins right out of the gate and is currently holding a record of 11-10 with the lady Grizzlies.**

at the end of the season.

Coach Helmer has made a big leap with the Grizzlies this season with a winning record, and a young team with great talent. As the year progress it looks better and better for the Lady Grizzlies.

The new start for Grizzlies basketball is underway and off on the right path. The Grizzlies had their struggles and will on the way to the top but for a start this year they are well on their way, playing good ball. The season thickens up in the conference. The Grizzlies are still seeing progress on the way with the team and continue to get better almost every game. It's all a learning process for both coach and players this season as they all adjust to how competitive the conference is.

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